PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. EPA SIGNS RECORD OF DECISION FOR AT&SF ALBUQUERQUE SUPERFUND SITE JULY 2002



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 (EPA) has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the AT&SF Albuquerque Superfund Site in Albuquerque.

NM. Both soil and ground water contamination at the Site will be addressed through the remedial action selected in this ROD. This response will be protective of human health and the environment by treating both principal threat wastes and low-level threat wastes. Detailed descriptions of the alternatives evaluated by EPA for this decision can be found in the Proposed Plan and ROD, which are part of the Administrative Record for the Site. The remedial action is composed of these major components:

Soil Remediation

The selected remedy for soil contamination consists of a modified alternative: in-situ solidification/stabilization and run-off/run-on management (Preferred Alternative S-8) and off-site incineration for those portions of the Site where soils contaminated by dense non-aqueous phase liquids (DNAPL) are encountered (Alternative S-6). DNAPL-contaminated soil will be excavated and transported to an approved off-site hazardous waste facility for incineration. The Preferred Alternative was modified to include the incineration components after EPA received additional information during the public comment period.

Ground Water Remediation

The selected remedy for ground water consists of an aggressive performance-based approach that consists of ground water restoration through pumping, treatment and reinjection, and removal of DNAPL sources and hot spots utilizing both innovative technologies and conventional methods. Either Alternatives GW-2 (UV-oxidation treatment, filtration, carbon adsorption and disposal of ground water), GW-3 (biological treatment (fluidized GAC bed), clarification, filtration and disposal of ground water), or GW-4 (filtration, clay adsorption, carbon adsorption and disposal of ground water) may be used alone or in combination to restore the ground water through a pump and treat and reinjection system.

Innovative technology Alternatives GW-5 (Steam flushing), GW-6 (Co-solvent/alcohol flooding), and GW-7 (In-situ Oxidation), alone or in combination with conventional methods, will be evaluated and implemented to remove the DNAPL sources and address hot spots.

For More Information

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Information Repositories

The Administrative Record is available at the following locations:

Albuquerque Public Library Main Downtown Branch

510 Copper Street NW Albuquerque, NM 87102 (505) 768-5140

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. Friday & Saturday: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

New Mexico Environment Department Ground Water Quality Bureau Superfund Oversight Section

1190 St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87503 (505) 827-2911

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Information about the clean-up process at the AT&SF Albuquerque Site and text of the Record of Decision and the Responsiveness Summary are available on the Internet at:

www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/pdffiles/atsf_final_rod.pdf

Additional information about the Superfund program can be found at:

U.S. EPA Headquarters: www.epa.gov U.S. EPA Region 6: www.epa.gov/region 6/ superfund